REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 16, 2005, in which claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, and 14-20 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 15-20 have been cancelled without prejudice, new claims 21-26 have been added, and claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, and 14 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, 14, and 21-26 therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-4, 7-9, 11-12, and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Seder et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,522,770.

With this Amendment, claims 15-20 have been cancelled without prejudice. The rejection of claims 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), therefore, is rendered moot.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the reference repository receives the electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network and stores the characteristic information in a memory, and that the indexing unit assigns a classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information, assigns an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the system, and compiles an identification code for the electronic file from the classification code and the inventory code.

In addition, with this Amendment, independent claim 9 has been amended to clarify that the reference repository receives the electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network and stores the characteristic information in a memory, and that the indexing unit assigns a library-specific classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information and procedures of the library, assigns a library-specific inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the library, and compiles a library-specific identification code for the electronic file from the library-specific classification code and the library-specific inventory code, wherein the editing unit inserts the library-specific identification code to the electronic file.

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With respect to the Seder et al. patent, this patent does not teach or suggest a system for coding an electronic file as claimed in independent claim 1, nor a system for coding an electronic file for a library as claimed in independent claim 9, wherein, for example, a reference repository receives the electronic file and characteristic information associated with the electronic file from a communications network and stores the characteristic information in a memory, and wherein, for example, an indexing unit assigns a classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information, assigns an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file already exists in the system, and compiles an identification code for the electronic file from the classification code and the inventory code.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 9 are each patentably distinct from the Seder et al. patent and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 3-4 and 7-8 further define patentably distinct claim 1, and dependent claims 11-12 and 14 further define patentably distinct claim 9, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1, 3-4, 7-9, 11-12, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1, 3-4, 7-9, 11-12, and 14 be allowed.

New Claims

With this Amendment, Applicant has added new claims 21-26 of which claims 21 and 23 are independent. The method of new claim 21 includes, amongst other things, assigning a classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information, assigning an inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file is a copy of an existing electronic file, and compiling an identification code for the electronic file from the classification code and the inventory code. In addition, the method of new claim 23 includes, amongst other things, assigning a library-specific classification code to the electronic file based on the characteristic information and procedures of the library, assigning a library-specific inventory code to the electronic file based on whether the electronic file is already in

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the library, and compiling a library-specific identification code for the electronic file from the library-specific classification code and the library-specific inventory code.

With respect to the Seder et al. patent, this patent does not teach or suggest a computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file as claimed in new independent claim 21, nor a computer-implemented method for coding an electronic file for a library as claimed in new independent claim 23. Applicant, therefore, submits that new independent claims 21 and 23 are each patentably distinct from the Seder et al. patent and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claim 22 further defines patentably distinct claim 21 and dependent claim 24 further defines patentably distinct claim 23, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 11, 12, 14, and 21-26 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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